



# News Release

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## **Ferry County: Republic drinking water advisory ends**

**OLYMPIA** — Residents of the City of Republic no longer have to boil their drinking water. The city's water system has been disinfected and tested, and the water now meets safe drinking water standards.

The Ferry County community issued a boil-water advisory last Friday after *E. coli* and total coliform bacteria were detected in the water during routine testing. The city's water system serves about 1,400 people.

The state Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water worked with the city to investigate the source of the contamination. Although no obvious source was found, the city disinfected and flushed the system, then took 10 follow-up water samples. All of the samples met safe drinking water standards.

Customers who have questions can call the city at 509-775-3216.

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